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Applicant: Sanford L. Britt  
Serial No.: 10/792,041  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	)	<u>PATENTS</u>
Sanford L. Britt	)	
Serial No. 10/792,041	)	Primary Examiner: Robert R. Raevis
Filing Date: March 3, 2004	)	Art Unit 2856
For: DUAL-OPENING SAMPLE	)	
CONTAINERS, FLUID SAMPLING)	)	
DEVICE AND METHOD OF	)	
USING SAME	)	

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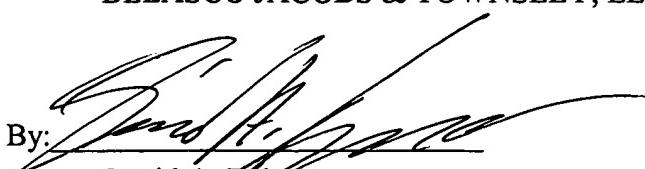
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Respectfully submitted,

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The excess claim(s) filed on 4/21/06 is not accompanied by the appropriate payment of excess claims fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(h)-(j) or 1.492(d)-(f). Excess claims fees are required for each claim in independent form in excess of three (§ 1.16(h)), each claim (whether dependent or independent) in excess of twenty (note that § 1.75(c) indicates how multiple dependent claims are considered for fee calculation purposes) (§ 1.16(i)), and each application that contains a multiple dependent claim (§ 1.16(j)).

Since the application is not under a final rejection, applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, to submit either: (1) the fee payment of \$ 100, or (2) an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 that cancels the excess claim(s), in order to avoid ABANDONMENT. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, unless the excess claim(s) was presented in a preliminary amendment.

- 1. The funds in Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ are insufficient to cover the entire fee due. The balance is due within the time period set forth in this notice. See note below regarding the appropriate service charge.
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- 3. The amendment that includes the excess claim(s) has not been entered, since applicant has failed to remit (or authorize charge to a Deposit Account or Credit Card) the fee as indicated on the attached Patent Application Fee Determination Record (PTO/SB/06). Remittance or authorization is due within the time period set forth in this notice.
- 4. The fee submitted in this application is insufficient. A balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is due for presentation of excess claims (37 CFR 1.16(h)-(j) or 1.492(d)-(f)).
- 5. Other. *See attachment.*

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